

she has used her management experience to co-chair the Young Professionals of Blair County.

On behalf of the people of the 13th Congressional District, I am grateful to the Blair County Chamber for their environment that fosters community growth and success, and for constituents like Miss Culp for their tireless efforts.

HONORING THE LIFE OF MICHAEL
R. SALA

HON. AUMUA AMATA COLEMAN
RADEWAGEN

OF AMERICAN SAMOA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mrs. RADEWAGEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of the late Michael Ryner Sala. Michael was a native son of the Territory of American Samoa, born on September 29, 1944, in the small village of Avaio in the far eastern district of the main island of Tutuila, American Samoa. His mother, Malia Elisapeta Silivelio Pa'utalo Sala Fata Eneliko Siligawas a woman of proud Samoan heritage, and his father, Raymond Ryner Howard, a Marine Platoon Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, whose barracks were situated in the next village during WW2.

He attended Faga'itua Elementary School and then Poyer High School, now known as Samoana High School. He graduated in June 1964 and received a scholarship to pursue medical training in Fiji. His life took a turn when, during the process of preparing to leave the island, he visited the police department in Fagatogo. He ran into a family member, Lt. Vilima'a Leiato, who offered him a position as a police officer—right there on the spot.

After consulting with his mother, he decided to accept the position and thus began his long and distinguished career in law enforcement. He went on to attend the Honolulu Police Academy and later the California Highway Patrol Academy. At 22, he was the youngest officer ever promoted to Sergeant; at 24 the youngest ever promoted to Lieutenant.

At the age of 28, the High Chief Title "Tualamasala" was bestowed upon Mike. Matai titles are only given to select family members with the approval of the senior matai or high chief and members of the extended family.

In 1973, at the age of 29, he began working as a Special Investigator for the Multnomah County District Attorney's Office in Portland, Oregon, and in 1975 became a Multnomah County Sheriff. He graduated from Portland State University in March 1977 with a bachelor's degree in Administration of Justice. In 1978, he graduated from the University of Portland with a master's degree in Criminal Justice Administration. He was a candidate for a second master's degree in Public Administration and a candidate for a doctoral degree in Criminology.

He returned home to American Samoa in 1978 where he served as Deputy Commissioner of Public Safety for 20 years. He served for 15 years as the Director of Intelligence for the South Pacific Islands Criminal Intelligence Network (SPICIN), the intelligence arm of the South Pacific Chiefs of Police Conference (SPCPC) organization which is com-

prised of 21 countries in the Pacific, including Australia and New Zealand, until 2003 when SPICIN was reorganized as part of the regions' information sharing and intelligence infrastructure solely administered by the American Samoa Government.

In September 1996, the Office of Territorial and International and Criminal Intelligence and Drug Enforcement (OTICIDE) separated from the Department of Public Safety and created as an independent law enforcement agency (Task Force). As director of OTICIDE, Mike was also a director of the INTERPOL Pacific Sub-Bureau comprised of Guam, Saipan, and American Samoa as Communications Control Center (CCC), under the United States Department of Justice, National Central Bureau in Washington, D.C.

In February 2007, he was appointed the first Director of the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security, ASDHS. He retired on January 3, 2013, after 50 years of law enforcement and public safety experience in American Samoa and the US mainland.

He was a lifetime member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) and served as Chairman of the SPCPC from 1994–1995. He was Chairman of the American Samoa Government (ASG) Interagency Special Task Force on Narcotics and White-Collar Crime Enforcement for nine years. He directed a Bureau of Special Investigations within the Department of Public Safety. He was Chairman of the Preparedness Task Force on Terrorism in American Samoa, later renamed the Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC). He served as Vice Chairman of the eleven-member Governor's Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse, as well as Chairman of the ASG Personnel Advisory Board. He presented at numerous law enforcement conferences regionally and internationally, including the IACP, Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS), South Pacific Chiefs of Police, SPICIN and INTERPOL.

In addition to his long record of government service, Mike served his community. He was an active lifetime member and Charter President of the Lions Club in American Samoa. He joined the Boy Scouts of American Samoa in 1964 and was an active member of the Boy Scouts of America, American Samoa District Committee under the Aloha Counsel of Honolulu where he served as chairman for 17 years.

Mike was a tireless promoter of the highest ideals; he believed in friendship above all and was a true friend to countless people. His generosity of spirit and heart was legendary; he often helped people quietly when they needed it most and did not count the cost or want recognition for his many good deeds. He was fiercely loyal to his Lions Club brothers and sisters, where he encouraged and promoted many of them, especially his Lion sisters, to lead the organization after him. He was also tireless in promoting women in the workplace and mentored many worthy candidates in his years at Public Safety and Homeland Security.

Although he was extremely proud of his government service and accomplishments, he was most proud of his work with the Lions Club. Mike led the club as Charter President and then as club president four more times. He guided them in numerous community projects, including collaboration with the LBJ Medical Center, Department of Health, Feleti Barstow Library, and other government agen-

cies to conduct vision screening clinics for residents, including outreach visits to the islands of Manu'a. Teams of doctors, nurses and technicians have been hosted by the Lions to work with the local club, where they offered vision screening, eye surgery and medicine to the Samoan community, free of charge.

Mike truly believed that in order to be a good citizen, one must give to their community.

He lived his life serving his island community, his village, and his people.

He took his final breath on the morning of January 17, 2022. He is survived by his children, Jennifer Rebecca Sala Jones and Matthew Michael Sala, and his grandchildren: Olivia, Malia, and Betty Merlea.

HONORING WORLD WAR II VET-
ERAN AND LEGENDARY RE-
PORTER MORTON A. MINTZ

HON. JAMIE RASKIN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. RASKIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mr. Morton Abner Mintz, a World War II veteran and legendary investigative reporter who turned 100 years old this week. And what a century it has been for this great and modest man of exceptional gifts.

Born January 26, 1922, in Ann Arbor, Michigan, Mr. Mintz enlisted in the Navy after graduating from the University of Michigan. He served as Communications Officer and then Commanding Officer in World War II on USS *LST 505*, which supported troops in the D-Day Invasion of Normandy from June 6 to June 25, 1944; the Invasion of Southern France from August 15 to September 25, 1944; and in the Pacific Theater during the assault and occupation of Okinawa from May 29 to June 10, 1945, and subsequently in China.

Married for 68 years to the lovely Anita Inez Franz until she passed away in 2015, he has two daughters, Margaret and Roberta, and a son Daniel, 10 grandchildren and a great-grandson. Following his service in the Navy, Mr. Mintz became a newspaper reporter and editor in St. Louis, then moved to Washington, D.C. to work at the Washington Post in 1958. He was to become one of America's most independent, highly respected, and public-interested reporters. For decades he was a first-class investigative journalist and peerless muckraker.

Widely recognized by his peers for his relentless focus on protecting the public against both corporate and governmental abuses of power, the prodigious Mr. Mintz covered a wide range of topics, including anticompetitive business practices, automobile safety, air pollution, the tobacco, pharmaceutical and medical device industries, waste and fraud in military contracting, the corrupting power of the campaign finance regime and the corrosive influence of lobbying and large corporate donations on elected officials. He knew much could be learned from covering seemingly obscure congressional hearings and reading the fine print in legislation and administrative rule-making processes.

Mr. Mintz' dogged investigative work repeatedly exposed corporate actions undertaken to

increase profit at the expense of consumer safety, leading to significant government regulations that curbed corporate misconduct and saved lives.

In 1962, he broke the story of how FDA scientist Frances Kelsey had discovered the dangers of the drug Thalidomide, which led to the last-minute banning of the drug from entering the US market and likely avoiding thousands of horrifying birth defects as were experienced in Europe. In the late 1960s, Mr. Mintz chronicled the inadequate testing of the original birth control pills and, years later, tracked the story of how a pharmaceutical corporation willfully ignored the safety hazards of the contraceptive Dalkon Shield, causing serious injury to thousands of women. He broke the extraordinary story of General Motors' corporate surveillance of Ralph Nader, the automaker's biggest public critic. He wrote about how profit driven decisions in the infant formula business led to great harm in impoverished populations with limited access to safe drinking water. And he reckoned with difficult and indigestible truths, such as in a 1983 exclusive interview with Assistant Secretary of War John J. McCloy, who had served in the Roosevelt administration, where he revealed some of the story behind the refusal of the United States during World War II to bomb the rail lines transporting Holocaust victims to the Birkenau or the Auschwitz concentration camps.

Following his retirement from the Washington Post in 1988, Mr. Mintz continued his work as a journalist and media critic. In 1993, he exposed the failure of the American Civil Liberties Union to inform its members that it accepted money from the tobacco industry and, under the guise of defending free speech, also actively opposed legislation that would ban or limit tobacco advertising and promotion. In 1999, he wrote media criticism for *Tompaine.com*. "Mort Wants to Know," and posed questions that the press should be asking of presidential and congressional candidates in the 2000 national elections. A Senior Advisor to the Nieman Watchdog Project for many years, he also contributed commentary to *niemanwatchdog.org* on vital topics including military spending, congressional ethics and oversight, single payer health insurance, pharmaceutical pricing, executive pay, corporate welfare and the corporate shield that protects executives from punishment for their decisions to market products known to be harmful, as well as tough questions that reporters should be asking legislators and corporate executives. He served as chair of The Fund for Investigative Journalism for three years and on the board of Project on Government Oversight (POGO).

Mr. Mintz was an active member of the Washington-Baltimore News Guild. His best-selling book "America, Inc.: Who Owns and Operates the United States," written with the late Jerry S. Cohen, demonstrated the pervasive and often hidden influence of corporate power. Mintz and Cohen later co-wrote "Power, Inc.: Public and Private Rulers and How to Make Them Accountable," continuing their investigation of the pernicious impact of unaccountable power in the interlocking corporate and government realms. Mr. Mintz's other books include "The Therapeutic Nightmare," "By Prescription Only," "The Pill: An Alarming Report" and "At Any Cost: Corporate Greed, Women, and the Dalkon Shield." He received many prestigious journalism awards

including Nieman Fellowship 1964, the Worth Bingham, Heywood Broun, Raymond Clapper and George Polk Memorial Awards, the Columbia Journalism Award, The Playboy Foundation's Hugh M. Hefner First Amendment Award for Lifetime Achievement, (More) Magazine's A.J. Liebling Award, the Washington-Baltimore Newspaper Guild award for Public Service and for Distinguished Writing and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America Special Literary-Public Service Award.

I have known Morton Mintz since the seventh grade when his son Daniel became one of my closest friends. As kids, we all marveled at Mr. Mintz, an old-fashioned gentleman with a golden pen, rock-ribbed integrity and sparkling intelligence.

I commend Mr. Mintz for his splendid commitment and service to the public interest always—whether the subject be consumer safety, corporate and government accountability, or the truth about humanity's wars—through his many decades of extraordinary investigative reporting, I am proud to share a small piece of his story with my colleagues and the nation.

Madam Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Mr. Morton Mintz on the occasion of his 100th birthday for his exceptional service to our nation, both as a patriot in uniform and as a crusading investigative reporter in love with the truth.

HONORING THE RETIREMENT OF PASTOR LEON JONES

HON. JEFF DUNCAN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor a great friend, Pastor Leon Jones of First Baptist Church of Ware Shoals in Ware Shoals, SC, on his retirement. During his nearly twenty-five years of service, Pastor Jones has been a spiritual leader of the community and continues to put others before himself.

Ware Shoals First Baptist Church was founded in 1908 and has seen sixteen pastors in its time. Pastor Jones will retire as the longest serving pastor of the church, with nearly twenty-five years of service to the church and the community. His ministry came to Ware Shoals First Baptist Church in 1997, and I, along with many others in the Third District of South Carolina, have been personally impacted by his message of faith.

When I think of Pastor Jones, I am reminded of Jeremiah 3:15: "Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding." Pastor Jones is a shepherd and teacher in his community, and his compassion and love for others has been exemplified through his service to Ware Shoals First Baptist Church.

After his retirement, Pastor Jones will settle in Elgin, SC, with his wife. There is no doubt in my mind that he will continue to be a leader in ministry and change the lives of everyone he meets. His unconditional love for others reflects the Lord in every way. I am grateful to call Pastor Jones my friend and to have attended First Baptist Church of Ware Shoals while he served.

Madam Speaker, it is an honor to serve the Third District of South Carolina and to honor

those, like Pastor Jones, who have made an immeasurable impact on communities, like Ware Shoals, SC, in faith.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANTHONY DiPACE

HON. JOE COURTNEY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, January 28, 2022

Mr. COURTNEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today and ask the House to observe the passing of a true gentleman and public-spirited citizen of the State of Connecticut, Mr. Anthony "Tony" DiPace. After a courageous battle with cancer, Tony unfortunately passed on from this earth on January 22, 2022, at the age of 62.

Born in Hartford in 1960 to Concetta and Angela DiPace, Tony was ingrained with the Connecticut spirit since birth. It was not long after his entry into this world, however, that tragedy was forced upon him with the loss of his mother, resulting in an early transition into the loving Wee and Rose Crowley household based in Enfield, Connecticut. Both out of this loss and his fostering under the Crowley's, Tony gained an early understanding to the importance of discovering one's own roots and connecting with those who surround us in our daily lives. It was therefore without question that upon graduating Fermi High School in 1978, Tony saw the value in keeping close to the town that raised him and went on to graduate at the top of his class from United Technical School in Springfield, Massachusetts just a stone's throw away from Enfield.

Armed with his certification as a master mechanic, Tony quickly became an integral part of his hometown, opening his own automotive business, "Hazard Motors." Though he kept up with the success of his one-stop-shop for more than 34 years in order to build a foundation for his family, he also always put the customer-in-need before himself. Beyond the success of his business, Tony lived a life in constant search for new connections with his neighbors so that, together, they could work to create a more prosperous town for the next generation, including his son, Anthony.

It is with no surprise that a caring man like Tony found time to wear just about every hat in town. Included within his tenured service was 40 years with the Enfield Democratic Town Committee, where he constantly discussed and put forward municipal priorities. His dedication earned him a several stints in both elected and membership positions, including his advocacy as the former Chairman of the Enfield Planning & Zoning Commission as well as his service as the Chair of the Democratic Town Committee. Throughout all of these efforts, his clear and present passion and candid character made him a capable unifying voice in Enfield, which he was most recently recognized for with the William "Red" Edger, Jr. "Democrat of the Year" Award in 2021.

Tony was also sought to establish a positive impact with the town's youth. Whether it was through the local concession stand, as coach for youth teams, or his sponsorship of the youth basketball and baseball programs, it was always Tony's goal to set up the next generation for success, affording them the